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1. Prior to 9 November 1950, the Hungarian National Aircraft Information Center was located in the so-called Rocky Central (Szikla Koezpont) and in the Petoefi Barracks. In 1949, it was commanded by Major General Istvan Bati, whose successor was unknown; Major Laszlo Mora, an officer of the former army, was chief of staff of the Center in the summer of 1950. The Center was the superior headquarters of six Aircraft Information Centers located in Budapest, Veszprem (P 48/D 78), Zalaegerszeg (Y 4/V 10), Kaposvar (Y 4/A 95), Kiskunhalas (Y 6/N 70), and Nyiregyhaza (R 48/K 55). The Kaposvar and Kiskunhalas information centers were commanded by Captain Bela Kanasz and Captain Kiraly (fnu), respectively.

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2. Between 10 and 30 August 1950, a course for AA lookout leaders, commanded by Major Imre Szabo, was held in the Petoefi Barracks in Budapest. The course was conducted by the National Aircraft Information Center and had the same postal number. About 500 signal-communication women auxiliaries and one more signal unit were also located in the barracks installation at that time. *

3. In August and September 1949, four training companies of the Budapest Aircraft Information Center were located in the Kossuth Academy in Budapest. The 2d Company, consisted of three platoons and had about 150 EM. Training included military basic training and special training in forwarding aircraft observations.

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4. Prior to 9 November 1950, Aircraft Information Center II was located in Zalaegerszeg. In August 1950, it was transferred from the former so-called Fine Arts House into a large concrete shelter situated in the southern sector of the city. The Center was commanded by Captain Dr. Bela Uralik and It was staffed with 12 officers, about 10 women officers and NCO's, and 25 to 30 EM. The Center included a headquarters and 33 AA lookouts, which were organized into three sectors. Sector I extended from Oslai (P 48/Y 03) as far as Olad (P 48/C 68), Sector II extended from Porneapati (P 48/C 67) as far as Redics (Y 3/E 98), and Sector III extended from an unidentified place as far as Koevagoors (Y 4/D 55). Lookouts

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More spotters were located in Magyarán (Y 4/A 26), Csesztény (Y 4/A 38), Keszthely (Y 4/V 40), Szentgotthárd (Y 3/C 45), Fertőszentmiklós (P 48/X 82), Óriszentpéter (Y 3/Z 80), Felsőszéclő (Y 3/Z 61) and Vasvár (P 48/C 86).

5. AA Lookout No 11 in Olad was located southeast of the town beside the lookout tower prior to mid-October 1950. [REDACTED] and consisted of 1 corporal and 4 privates. AA Lookout No 10 in Velem was located west of the town, a distance of about 2 km from the Austrian border. 25X1D

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. For the missions of an AA lookout, see Annex 1. Some previous reports stated that AA or signal units were located in the Petoefi Barracks. [REDACTED] These units may be connected with the National Aircraft Information Center reported to be stationed there. It is noted that the six AA information centers specified are confined to the western and southern portions of the country. Major General Bata has been chief of the General Staff of the Hungarian Armed Forces since the fall of 1950.

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1 Annex: one translation of instructions for AA lookouts and one Standard Manpower Questionnaire.